

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2011 AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE HALL COURTROOM, 169 MT. PLEASANT AVENUE, MAMARONECK, NY 10543

PRESENT: Sarah Evans Michaela Zeuss, Phil Horner, Jean Peron, Toni Ryan (Liaison)

ABSENT: Joan Heilman, Monica Barach, Kate Hearst, Cathy Hiller, and Marc Karell.

The minutes of June 21, 2011 were approved.

Sub – Committee Reports:

Recycling: Joan Heilman reported via email that no robo calls regarding recycling changes have been received so far, but thinks that may happen after a study of the Recycling Center is done. Sarah will ask Joan to get flyers from Westchester County.

Transportation: No report.

Community Outreach Patch Report: “The Patch” a local newsblog reported in depth on the plastic bag law. Toni said there is a new newspaper, “The Mamaroneck Daily” written by Brian Donnelly - she will send to the Committee.

ICLEI Energy Audit: To comply with ICLEI Step 2, the BOT must now set an emissions target. A possible 5% emission target for 2015 is being considered. Current economic conditions limit any spending for projects that might result in lowering emissions. The Committee should make a list of what energy savings can be done. Toni thinks we should make our own suggestions.

Old Business:

No Idling Law: Michaela gave pamphlets to PD Chief Leahy for him to use as handouts.

Plastic Bag Law: Toni spoke to Matt Wallach who is very knowledgeable in instituting this law. Sarah will contact him about meeting with the Committee and would like to determine how the Committee feels about such a meeting. Rye will be used as a sample for the VOM.

LWRP Update: Toni said there are ongoing discussions as to procedural changes and jurisdiction. The current status is that any action has been tabled until these issues have been made clearer. As of now, the Harbor Coastal Zone Management committee retains its current jurisdiction. Phil said that no communications have been sent since early June regarding policies and actions (Sections 3 and 4 of the LWRP) so the status has remained unchanged. The Long Island Sound Citizens Advisory Committee is not involved with the LWRP. It deals with issues such as catch basins and filler grass. Toni will get more information after the LIS tour. Joan Heilman had suggested a water quality subcommittee and volunteers from our Committee should be discussed at the next meeting. Regarding the EPA deadline regarding coli form amounts in the Harbor – Toni will inform our Committee when the BOT gets notice from the EPA.

Committee Achievements: An article should be written regarding what our subcommittee has achieved in the recent past. Perhaps Cathy Hiller would like to write it.

School Liaisons – Environmental Committee and Health and Wellness Committee: Toni would like a representative from Mamk Ave School to be on this committee. Michaela will contact the Rye Neck Schools regarding focusing on clean air. The schools should be allied with green efforts.

Adopt-A-Stream: (part of Water Quality) is a result of the EPA efforts to get citizens involvement in keeping our streams free of debris and raise water quality. Sarah wants to review interaction with MHS students.

Next Meeting: September 20, 2011

Respectfully submitted: Jean Peron